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The result of these alignments is that Grotewohl's influence in the leadership of the SED now rests on a still weaker foundation. It must be gravely
doubted whether his rhetorical gifts will suffice in the long run to compensate for his ever more obvious deficiencies within the party, and to balance the loss of confidence in him among the many hundreds of thousands of
former Social Democrats in the SED because of his pro-Soviet policy. In opposition to him stands Ulbricht with his satellites and his undeniably better
connections with the Soviets. There can be little doubt of the outcome of
this internal struggle within the party.

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